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**ENTERPRISE BOTTLING WORKS.**

**STEAMERS COLLIDE IN A FOG.**  
Belgian Vessel Sunk and Twelve Persons Drowned.

Dover, Dec. 18.—During a heavy fog on the British channel the British steamer Arlington, 1,986 tons, collided with and sank the Belgian steamer Cap Juby, 652 tons, from Antwerp for Newport, off Dungeness. Twelve of the crew of the Cap Juby were drowned, but the captain and five members of the crew were saved.

**Speakership of Minnesota House.**  
St. Paul, Dec. 18.—The fight for the speakership of the next house of the Minnesota legislature has been settled and Lawrence H. Johnson of Minneapolis is busy receiving the congratulations of the house members and other candidates. N. F. Hugo and the rest of the Eighth district delegates took the deciding step by declaring for him.

## SOON TO BE BROKEN

**FUEL FAMINE IN NORTHWEST WILL BE QUICKLY ENDED BY THE RAILROADS.**

### AT HEARING IN MINNEAPOLIS

**RAILWAY OFFICIALS PROMISE THAT RELIEF WILL SOON BE FORTHCOMING.**

Minneapolis, Dec. 18.—The fuel famine in the Northwest will be broken within twenty-four hours as a result of the interstate commerce commission's inquiry in this city. The commission was represented by James S. Harlan of Chicago and Franklin K. Lane of San Francisco. Mr. Lane is taking personal charge of the fuel famine inquiry, while Mr. Harlan is busily engaged in the car shortage inquiry, the result of which is to the direct interest of the farmer and the small grain man. It was decided that since the fuel famine was the most important, there being already many reports at hand of suffering from the cold in North Dakota, it should be the first handled and settled for the relief of the sufferers. Through telegrams from two suffering North Dakota towns Mr. Lane quizzed E. C. Blanchard, division superintendent of the Northern Pacific railroad at Duluth, and D. M. Philbin, assistant general agent of the Great Northern road at Duluth, and gleaned from them such evidence of the possibility of their filling and delivering such cars of coal as the suffering towns needed. Before Mr. Lane had finished his examination of the witnesses, both had promised that relief would be forthcoming within the next twenty-four hours.

It puzzled the attorneys and judges of the commission why it was that it took a freight car on the average about thirteen days to make a trip which could be made at a ten mile an hour rate in twenty-five hours.

Mr. Blanchard declared that freight moved on the average of ten miles an hour, and then testified that he thought that from ten to fifteen days was not too great a time to allow for a car to make a distance of 250 miles.

### Some Causes of Delay.

He explained this by stating that hot boxes frequently delayed the progress of a car, and that various other causes contributed to the delay of the car in transit. According to his testimony it would not be uncommon for a freight car to move from point to point at the rate of little less than a mile an hour.

The race is on between the railroads and the cold. If the weather wins, cutting down the efficiency of motive power and bringing on heavy blizzards, there will be suffering and loss of life. But latest reports indicate that the railroads are rushing fuel into the district where there is either an actual want or stocks are low. The Great Northern is taking no full carload of Grand Forks other than fuel. The Northern Pacific has sent out 800 cars of fuel for commercial use in the past two days. At the storage docks at the Head of the Lakes, the dock companies are ordered to load as far as possible for commercial use. This order, coming from the railroads themselves, means that they are willing that their orders shall be held, so that the commercial business may be given the right of way.

A Grand Forks special says that the great Northern officials say that the coal shortage at Great Northern points in North Dakota will be a thing of the past in a very few days. Coal is being shipped to points west and north of that city. From Minot, N. D., reports say that in some portions of the county the farmers are tearing up their fences and using them for fuel.

### RAILROAD OFFICIALS EXPLAIN.

**Why the Coal Shortage Exists in the Northwest.**

Washington, Dec. 18.—Three more responses have come to the interstate commerce commission from Northwestern railroads in response to Chairman Knapp's telegram calling attention to the reported shortage in cars and the complaints of a lack of transportation for the necessities of life and of fuel. Telegrams were sent by the chairman to the presidents of six of the great Western and Northwestern roads and replies now have been received from all of them.

From the information conveyed by the railroad companies the commissioners express the opinion that one cause for the shortage in fuel is that the dealers have not stored up in advance sufficient quantities for the winter's supply but have, as stated in the reply by President James J. Hill of the Great Northern, ordered only sufficient supply to last from day to day. Whatever shortage may exist in car

equipment, they say, is aggravated by lack of motive power, inadequate terminal facilities and insufficient trackage properly to move the great volume of business pouring in on the railroads, supplemented by the delays on the part of shippers in loading and unloading their cars. Replies have been made public from President Hill of the Great Northern, President A. J. Earl of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul, and President Howard Elliott of the Northern Pacific company.

### IN CAR SHORTAGE COMPLAINTS.

**President Roosevelt Is Taking a Deep Interest.**

Washington, Dec. 18.—President Roosevelt is taking a deep interest in the situation as to car shortage, complaints of which have come from many sections of the United States. He has talked with members of the interstate commerce commission about the matter and in one case where the statement was made that the people in some parts of North Dakota were freezing because of a lack of fuel due to the scarcity of cars, he referred the communication to the commission with directions for a prompt inquiry. Some time ago a preliminary informal statement bearing on the car shortage was submitted to the president by the commission and when the more complete report which the commission has under way in the Northwest has been prepared, it will be sent to the president for his information in the event that he decides to make any recommendations to congress on the subject. He has not yet taken any steps indicating his probable course.

Among suggestions that have been made to the president is that he recommend legislation by congress empowering the government to take charge of the railroads and operate them under certain contingencies, especially in a case like the present, where the shortage of cars affects the transportation of fuel and the necessities of life. This proposition, however, it is stated at the White House, has never been even remotely considered by the president.

### POPE PIUS DISTRESSED.

**Pontiff Hears Particulars of Abandonment of Archbishop's House.**

Rome, Dec. 18.—The pope was exceedingly distressed to hear the particulars of the abandonment of the archbishop's house in Paris by Cardinal Richard. He qualified it as the most pitiful incident of his pontificate, and said that the noble, dignified and pious attitude maintained by Cardinal Richard assuredly would have a salutary influence and bring advantage to the church cause.

Vatican authorities deny emphatically that they purpose to conduct reprisals against the French protectors in the Holy Land or elsewhere, and the vatican's intention to deal with inexorable severity with every clergyman who does not follow the papal instructions has been reiterated. Officials of the vatican continue to deny that the Spanish ambassador to France, Fernando de Leon y Castillo, was approached and requested to assume the protection of the interests of the vatican at Paris without the government at Madrid being first informed. In another quarter the assertion was made that the vatican is embarrassed in finding a Catholic power to act for it in this matter.

### BUSINESS AT A STANDSTILL.

**Bank Failure Has a Depressing Effect on Waynesburg, Pa.**

Waynesburg, Pa., Dec. 18.—With the closing of the Farmers and Drovers' bank last Wednesday, the arrest at Pittsburgh of Cashier J. B. F. Rinehart, charged with making false reports to the comptroller of the currency, and the discovery of an alleged discrepancy amounting to \$950,000, business in this city is almost at a standstill.

Hundreds of persons had their money deposited in the Farmers and Drovers' bank, and as a result of their inability to get at their savings the holiday season promises to be a sorry one.

Pittsburg, Dec. 18.—At 1 o'clock a. m. United States District Attorney John W. Dunkle said to the Associated Press that because of his investigation into the affairs of the Farmers and Drovers' National bank of Waynesburg, Pa., he had asked the department of justice at Washington, D. C., for assistance in the investigation of the cause of the bank's failure. Mr. Dunkle said that the assistance was necessary before he could proceed with the charges made Monday and intimated that other arrests may follow.

### FAMOUS DESIGNER INJURED.

**Nat Herreshoff Severely Burned by Explosion of Naptha.**

Providence, R. I., Dec. 18.—Nathaniel G. Herreshoff, the famous designer of yachts that have borne the brunt of defending the America's cup, was severely burned on Sunday at Bristol by an explosion of a tank of naptha in the machinery department of the Herreshoff shops. Two of his sons, Sidney, aged sixteen, and Francis, aged thirteen, were slightly burned.

Mr. Herreshoff's burns will confine him to his bed for a fortnight, and may disfigure him for the remainder of his life.

## MESSAGE ON PANAMA

**PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT SENDS ILLUSTRATED COMMUNICATION TO CONGRESS.**

### TWO OTHER DOCUMENTS READ

**CONTAIN RECOMMENDATIONS ON LAND LAWS AND ON THE NAVAL PERSONNEL.**

Washington, Dec. 18.—A pictorially illustrated message from President Roosevelt portraying conditions as he found them on the Isthmus of Panama during his recent visit occupied the senate during the greater portion of its session. Printed copies of the message, handsomely bound, were placed on the desk of each senator and the reading of the document was closely followed. Preceding the Panama message the president's recommendations respecting public lands and the naval personnel were received and read.

In his message on the public lands the president urges the repeal of the timber and stone act, demands the radical amendment of the desert land act; urges the repeal of the commutation clause of the homestead act, all of which he declares now serve to turn great tracts of land over to speculators and corporations.

To prevent the fraudulent acquisition of the public lands, the president says he has directed the secretary of the interior to allow no patent to be issued to public lands under any law until, by an examination of the ground, actual compliance with the law has been found to exist. For this purpose an increase of special agents in the general land office is urgently required. The president believes that there should be provision for leasing coal, oil and gas rights under proper restrictions.

### Condemns System of Promotion.

The president condemns the present system of promotion of line officers of the navy as archaic, without parallel in the navy of any other first-class power.

He urges legislation that will cause officers of the line to reach the grades of captain and rear admiral at less advanced ages and will give them more experience and training in the important duties of those grades.

The senate agreed to the holiday adjournment resolution and will be in recess from the end of the session Thursday next until Jan. 3. Resolutions were agreed to directing an investigation by the department of commerce and labor of the International Harvester company to ascertain whether it effects a restraint of trade; also directing the senate judiciary committee to report what authority congress may have under the commerce clause of the Constitution to prevent interstate commerce in child-made goods. Resolutions to guard against infringement of state rights were presented by Senators Whyte and Rayner of Maryland for future discussion.

### SEVERAL SMALL BILLS PASSED.

**House Suspends Rules in Order to Expedite Business.**

Washington, Dec. 18.—The house began the last week before the Christmas holidays with a determination to dispose of as much legislation as possible for the more active work which will devolve upon it when congress again convenes. To this end several small bills were passed under suspension of the rules.

The Indian appropriation bill was taken up and fifteen of the fifty-seven pages completed when it was laid aside for the president's message concerning the Panama canal, which consumed more than an hour in its reading, being listened to by a large number of members.

The pictorial features of the message afforded an opportunity for good natured comment, the innovation of cuts in a state paper being looked upon with favor. Messengers from the president on public lands and the naval personnel also were read.

### ONE DEAD; THE OTHER DYING.

**Two Brothers Shot by a Negro at Wheeler, Pa.**

Pittsburg, Dec. 18.—William Watson, twenty-two years old, who was shot by Jesse Eggleston, a negro, at Wheeler, Pa., near here, is dead. The negro threatened to kill several boys who had snowballed him and when Watson and his brother prevented the negro from injuring the boys, Eggleston shot both of them. The brother is in a critical condition and physicians say he cannot live. The negro is under arrest.

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### POISON CAUSED THEIR DEATH.

**Arsenic Found in Bodies of Two of the Vzral Children.**

Chicago, Dec. 18.—Poison was responsible for the death of at least two of the Vzral family, six of whom died within a few months of each other in the past year. Herman Billik, a fortune teller, is now in jail on a charge of having administered poison to the family so that the mother of the dead children could collect the insurance money. Mrs. Vzral was found dead in her home two weeks ago, a few hours after an investigation into the cause of the death of the other members of the family was begun. At first it was believed she committed suicide, but the police are of the opinion that the same agency that caused the death of the children was also responsible for her death.

Positive evidence of the presence of poison in the internal organs of Ella and Mary, two of the daughters of Mrs. Vzral, whose bodies were exhumed last week, has been discovered by Professor Walter M. Haines of the Rush Medical college and Dr. Levke of the coroner's staff. Arsenic was found in the liver and stomach of both victims and it was there in sufficient quantities to cause death, according to the information given Coroner Hoffman by the physicians. Coroner Hoffman said that the bodies of the remainder of the family would be exhumed and an examination made for traces of poison.

**HALFNER'S WIFE IS DEAD.**  
Succumbs to Wound Inflicted by Her Husband.  
San Francisco, Dec. 18.—The woman whom Joseph Halfner shot Saturday night is dead. The admission has been made by Mrs. Jennie Morgan of Oakland, the mother of the dead woman, that she was the wife of Halfner, although she maintained to the end that she was the wife of Roy Garrison, who also received a bullet wound at the hands of Halfner.

Garrison lies in a hospital at the point of death. Halfner killed himself after the shooting.

### Roosevelt Will Talk to Editors.

Washington, Dec. 18.—President Roosevelt has informed a committee of the National Editorial association that he would make a speech before their association on the occasion of his visit at the dedication of the Georgia building the Jamestown exposition in June. The editors hold their annual convention at Jamestown on June 13, 14 and 15.

### Tunnel Under British Channel.

London, Dec. 18.—A bill empowering an Anglo-French company to construct a tunnel under the British channel has been deposited with parliament. It is estimated that this scheme will involve an expenditure of \$80,000,000. It is proposed to build two parallel tunnels twenty-four miles long.

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All wool, good quality, per garment.....	<b>\$1.00</b>
All wool, better grade, per garment.....	<b>\$2.00</b>
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## Men's Half Hose

Men's half hose	25c
"	50c
"	75c
"	\$1.00

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Men's mittens	25c
"	50c
"	75c
"	\$1.00
"	\$1.50

## Men's and Boys' Caps

Men's and Boys' cnps.	50c
"	75c
"	\$1.00
"	\$1.25
"	\$1.50

## Men's Sweaters

Men's Sweaters	\$1.00
"	\$1.50
"	\$2.00
"	\$3.00
"	\$4.00
"	\$5.00

## Men's Work Shirts

Men's Work shirts	50c
"	75c
"	\$1.00
"	\$1.25
"	\$1.50

## Men's Ger. Socks

Men's German Socks	25c
"	35c
"	50c
"	75c
"	\$1.00
"	\$1.25

## Men's Overcoats

Men's black all wool Kersey, swell coat, regular \$18.00 seller	<b>\$12.50</b>
Men's brown mix, in all wool, very special regular \$15.00 seller	<b>\$10</b>
Men's in a green mix Kersey, all wool, \$15.00 quality, special	<b>\$10</b>
Men's black and blue Beaver in good quality at very low price	<b>\$10</b>
Men's black \$8.50 coats, special	<b>\$6.50</b>

## Boys' Over Coats

All wool, same as men's in brown and green mixed	<b>\$8.00</b>
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## Boys' Reefers

All wool, blue-black Kersey, with large pearl button, red flannel lin'g	<b>\$4.50</b>
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Silk Mufflers.....	<b>\$1.00</b>
Silk Mufflers.....	<b>\$2</b>
Silk Mufflers.....	<b>\$2.00</b>
Silk Mufflers.....	<b>\$3</b>

## Vests

Fancy Vests.....	<b>\$1</b>
Fancy Vests.....	<b>\$1.25</b>
Fancy Vests.....	<b>\$1.50</b>
Fancy Vests.....	<b>\$2</b>
Fancy Vests.....	<b>\$2.50</b>
Fancy Vests.....	<b>\$3</b>

## Suspenders

Fancy Suspenders.....	<b>50c</b>
Fancy Suspenders.....	<b>75c</b>
Fancy Suspenders.....	<b>\$1</b>
Fancy Suspenders.....	<b>\$1.25</b>
Fancy Suspenders.....	<b>\$1.50</b>

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Ladies' shoes in all varieties from.....	<b>\$1.45 to \$3</b>

### Boys'

Patent Colt Blucher.....	<b>\$3</b>
Vici Kid Blucher.....	<b>\$3</b>
Boys' shoes in all leathers from.....	<b>\$1.15 to \$2.50</b>

### Girl's

Patent Vici Kid.....	<b>\$3</b>
Vici Kid.....	<b>\$2.50</b>
Low heel, sizes from 2 to 5 1/2.....	<b>\$2.00</b>
All varieties.....	<b>95c to \$1.75</b>

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## Luck and a Woman

...By FRED MEERS...

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"Close it up soon if you can," said a manager. "We have put some of our best men on the matter, but they can tell us nothing. If we do not manage to locate the cause of these robberies we might as well go out of business."

"I'll do what I can," promised Danvers. "But if Symes and Taylor have run up the case I don't see where I can go."

"Neither do I," admitted the manager frankly. "Except that you seem to have a fool's luck, and sometimes that is better than good detective instinct." Danvers bowed at the doubtful comment and took himself off. There might be something in that luck theory. Since going to work for the burglary insurance people he had more than once stumbled against a clew at developed into a conviction. But this promised to be a harder case than usual, and after he had interviewed the watchmen who were on the



THE PAIR RETURNED, PUSHING BEFORE THEM A WHEELBARROW.

light job and the men who had been working on the case it seemed hopeless.

The burglary insurance included the services of a night watchman and a burglar alarm system. Nothing seemed to be the matter with either of these, and yet the block on Seaton street had been repeatedly robbed.

Of late a special patrolman had been assigned to the block, and all night long he had tramped from one end of the short street to the other. Seaton street was only a block long, a fashionable residence block that offered rich returns to the men who had systematically looted the houses.

None had seen them go in or out, though strict watch had been kept, and they had even placed a man in each back yard to make certain that no one could enter through the rear, and yet during that week of special precaution three of the houses had been robbed.

The owners were of the ultra English set, who seldom came to town from their country places until after the opera season set in, and already the company stood to lose the better part of its capital in paying off its losses.

Danvers, looking about for a coign of vantage, hit upon a theatrical boarding house at the rear of the block. Here he obtained a rear room, and for several nights he kept vigil. The moon was in its last quarter, and it was not always easy to keep watch, but he sat peering into the dusk, looking to see some one jump the line of fences and attack the houses from the rear. That entrance was effected from the rear he was certain, because the watch from the front was too strict to be evaded.

It was the fifth night that, happening to look up, he perceived a shadow crossing the sky line of the houses. He rubbed his eyes that were drooping with sleep, but he still saw the shadow advancing toward the opposite roof.

"They can't have a flying machine," he muttered to himself. "If they have it's no wonder the boys couldn't locate them. I guess I'll go up on the roof and have a better look."

He stole out of the room and up the stairs to the roof. The trap was left open in pleasant weather to ventilate the stuffy halls, and as he climbed softly through the scuttle hole he almost lost his balance.

Standing on the edge of the roof was a second man, and even as Danvers looked he stepped out over the edge of the roof and glided toward the opposite side.

There was a third figure, a woman's, and Danvers waited a moment to see if she, too, would essay walking upon the air, but she made no effort to follow her companion's example, and at last the detective slipped through the opening and crept softly behind her.

With a bound he was upon her and he clapped his hand over her mouth before she could make outcry. Even as the dim light he could recognize her as one of a trio of acrobats he had noticed at the tables. More than once

he had sought to attract her attention, for she was a remarkably pretty girl, but the two men with her resented even a look and kept such close guard over her that there had been no chance to make her acquaintance.

"What are you up to?" he demanded roughly. "I am a detective."

"They thought you were," she gasped as he raised his hand to permit her to reply. "Don't let them catch me, will you? They have gone to rob the houses."

"But how?" he asked curiously. "They seem to walk on air."

"They used to be wire walkers," she explained, "but they tried tumbling afterward. They are walking on the telegraph wires."

"They won't hold up," he scoffed. "Yes, they will," she persisted. "Over here they have fastened them, and they are strong on the other side. It's easier to walk on a slack wire than on a tight one, you know. This gives just the right sag."

"But how do they bring the stuff back?" he persisted. "Wait and you will see," she cautioned.

Danvers slipped behind a chimney, and presently the pair returned, pushing before them a wheelbarrow with a grooved wheel. One of them carried a Japanese umbrella painted black, with which he preserved their balance while the other pushed. They dumped their load on the roof and turned back. When they had disappeared down one of the scuttles on the other side Danvers stepped out again.

"How long have you been with these men?" he demanded. "You don't look like their sort."

"They were with a circus," she explained. "I ran away with Jim; that's the smaller one. He watches me so that I do not have a chance to get away from him."

"Is this a regular trick?" he demanded. She shook her head.

"Business is bad this year. The boys can't get work. They were fooling one night on the roof and found that the wire was strong enough to bear them. They used to carry me in the wheelbarrow in the show, and they got the idea of robbing the houses. They cut the alarm wire and can come and go as they please. When the men were watching they walked right over their heads."

"I'd like to get after them," he said. "I could drive them down to the street where the watchman is."

"If you won't tell I'll take you," she volunteered. "Don't be afraid. I can do it."

She caught up another parasol from the roof and spread it. "Ride pickaback," she commanded.

Danvers put his arms about her shoulders and raised his feet clear. Slowly she adjusted her weight to the wire and began to make her way across. Somewhere he had read that it would not do to look down, so he shut his eyes and hung on.

Once or twice the girl seemed to lose her balance and for a moment worked the parasol violently while she regained it. Then she pressed on again, and at last, with a sigh, she stepped off the wire, and Danvers opened his eyes.

They were on the farther side, and just beyond was the open scuttle.

"Let me go back," pleaded the girl. "They must not know that I helped you or they would kill me when you got out. You must never tell how you made the trip. Pretend that you saw them and climbed a fire escape. I am going to be gone by the time you get back to the house."

"But how can I reward you?" he questioned.

"I can get a divorce if Jim is convicted. My freedom is a rich reward."

She kissed her hand to him in imitation of the circus ring, and he watched with admiration as her lithe figure sped across the open. Then he dropped through the scuttle.

"Bull luck, I suppose," laughed the manager when Danvers reported the next morning.

"Just that," assented Danvers. "Bull luck—and a woman."

But he would not explain the latter part, and the manager imagined it to be the girl he married on the strength of his increased pay.

### The First Photography.

It was in 1842 that John Draper, then a professor in the University of New York, made the first portrait photograph. The subject was Elizabeth Draper, his sister. Professor Draper had the idea that in order to produce distinct facial outlines in photography it would be necessary to cover the countenance of the person photographed with flour. This seems a strange notion now, and it proved not to be a good one then, for all of Professor Draper's early attempts were failures. Finally he left off the flour and then was quite successful. This so delighted him that he sent the picture to Sir William Herschel, the eminent English astronomer. Sir William was in turn delighted and made known Professor Draper's success to the scientific men of Europe. He also sent Professor Draper a letter of acknowledgment and congratulation, which has been carefully preserved in the archives of the Draper family.

### Testing Eggs For Freshness.

Dissolve two ounces of salt in a pint of water and then place the egg to be tested in this liquid. A new laid egg will at once sink to the bottom; an egg three days old will remain suspended about midway, and an egg that is five days old or more will float on the top of the solution. The vacuum in the shell is the explanation of the varying actions of the egg. The larger it becomes owing to the evaporation of the contents through the shell the more easily the egg floats.

# A GREAT SPECIAL SALE

## At Soloski & Levant's

COMMENCING SATURDAY, DEC. 15, AND CONTINUING UNTIL THE SPECIFIED AMOUNT (\$3,000) IS RAISED

We announce to our patrons and the public generally, that we are obliged to raise \$3,000 by January 1st, and in order to secure the money we will offer for sale at actual cost commencing on December 15th, our immense stock of Men's and youths' furnishing goods regardless of kind or quality. The stock consists in part of Men's, Youths' and Boys' Hats, Caps, Shoes, Sweaters, Rubbers, Mackinaws, Mittens, Gloves, Ladies' Furs, Woolen Blankets, Socks, and in fact all kinds of furnishing goods for youths and men. We have the most complete stock of Rubbers in all styles now in this city, and are prepared to make good when we say that these goods are to be sold at cost.

We invite you to read our price list carefully and compare it with prices made by other firms, and save your money by trading where you can do the best. Read—Read and be convinced.

Here are a few of our many Bargains:

25 Men's high grade suits—French clay worsted in black; finished up in the best workmanship. Sold everywhere for not less than \$18—Our cash price will be.....**\$9.48**

14 suits unfinished worsted—in black only—sold regularly for less than \$12—Our cash sale price.....**\$5.45**

25 suits in gray and blue—sold regularly for not less than \$13.50—Our cash sale price.....**\$4.95**

25 Boys' suits with long pants—sizes 15 to 20—in double or single breasted—sold for not less than \$7.50—Our cash sale price.....**\$4.25**

40 2 piece suits—sizes 4 to 16—sold regularly at \$3—Our cash sale price.....**\$1.48**

40 pairs Men's pants, in gray, heavy all wool—good for foundry or shop men and farmers—sold regularly at \$2 and \$2.50—Our cash sale price.....**\$1.69**

This is the best bargain in this city.

25 pairs of men's blue, all wool, heavy weight pants—would be a snap at \$3, but as sizes are broken we sell them at.....**\$1.98**

25 pairs heavy cotton mixture pants—sold regularly in our store at \$2—Our cash sale price.....**\$1.48**

Men's overalls—in all sizes—sold everywhere at 60c—Our cash sale price while the last—each.....**39c**

60 doz. Men's underwear—heavy all wool—second to none in the Eagle brand—guaranteed all wool—sold everywhere at \$1.75 per garment—Our cash sale price.....**\$1.19**

Overcoats for men and boys will go at about 50c on the dollar.

30 doz. half woollens—men's and boys' sizes from 28 to 44—regular price 75c—Our sale price while they last.....**39c**

15 doz. Men's all wool underwear—sold at \$1.50 per garment everywhere in the city—Our cash sale price.....**90c**

50 doz. all wool underwear that sells for not less than \$1.25 per garment—Our cash sale price.....**84c**

50 doz. Men's fleeced lined underwear in wool fleece—a bargain at 60c per garment—Our cash sale price while they last—each.....**38c**

15 doz. heavy fleeced lined underwear for ladies—good and warm—sold for not less than 60c a garment—Our cash sale price while they last.....**38c**

A big line of lumbermen's rubbers—8 inch tops—every pair guaranteed—sold everywhere in the city at not less than \$2.75 per pair—Our cash sale price.....**\$2.15**

100 doz. Men's all wool socks—sold regularly at 25c and 35c—Our cash sale price.....**18c**

75 doz. Men's heavy all wool white and dark gray socks—sold regularly at 50c—Our cash sale price.....**38c**

15 doz. Men's all wool over shirts—broken sizes—regular prices \$2, \$1.75, \$1.50—all will go at our cash sale price.....**\$1.19**

Nothing reserved—all will go

50 doz. heavy fleeced blankets—sold at our store at 98c will go at our cash sale price.....**85c**

10 doz. Men's all wool sweaters—regular prices \$3.50, \$3.00, \$2.50—to clear them out.....**98c**

We'll sell each at.....**98c**

They must go as these prices only last until Jan. 1st, 1907.

50 doz. children's underwear in heavy fleeced lined—sizes 20 to 34—sold regularly at 30c and 35c—Our cash sale price.....**23c**

Low lumbermen's rubbers—sold all over at \$1.75 and \$1.85—Our cash sale price.....**\$1.55**

Men's 1 buckle Arties—rolled edge—worth \$1.50—Our cash sale price.....**\$1.25**

Men's 1 buckle Arties—rolled edge—sold regularly at \$2.00—Our cash sale price.....**\$1.50**

Men's 1 buckle Arties—not with rolled edge—sold regularly at \$1.40—Our cash sale price.....**\$1.00**

Men's rolled edge Alaska rubbers—sold everywhere at \$1.75—Our cash sale price.....**\$1.25**

Men's plain Alaska rubbers—sold regularly at \$1.25 and \$1.50—Our cash sale price.....**\$1.00**

Men's plain rubbers—sold regularly at 85c—Our cash sale price.....**60c**

10 doz. Ladies' ribbed fleeced underwear—sold regularly at 30c—Our cash sale price.....**19c**

Ladies' Alaska rubbers—regular price \$1.00—Our cash sale price.....**75c**

Ladies' plain rubbers—regular price 75c—Our cash sale price.....**50c**

Boys' 1 buckle Arties—worth \$1—Our cash sale price.....**75c**

Ladies' 1 buckle Arties—sold everywhere in the city for not less than \$1.35—Our cash sale price.....**85c**

We have a big line of men's, ladies' and children's shoes which will be sold at cost.

Children's 1 buckle Arties—sold for not less than 90c to \$1—Our cash sale price.....**65c**

Men's \$3.50 and \$3.00 shoes—Our cash sale price.....**\$2.50**

\$4.00 Patent leather shoes—Our cash sale price.....**\$3.00**

Men's fancy, latest style, \$4.00 shoes will go at.....**\$3.00**

50 pairs Men's working shoes—sold at not less than \$2.25—Our cash sale price.....**\$1.75**

50 pairs hand pegged working shoes—sold for not less than \$2.75 and \$2.50—Our cash sale price.....**\$2.00**

Ladies' fancy shoes—sold for not less than \$2.75 and \$3.00—Our cash sale price.....**\$2.00**

Ladies' \$2.50 and \$2.00 shoes—Our cash sale price.....**\$1.50**

Ladies' \$1.75 and \$1.50 shoes—Our cash sale price.....**\$1.25**

We also have a big line of boys' and children's shoes will go at cost and below.

We also have 100 pairs of lumbermen's rubbers, sold in this city at \$1.75, but we only have sizes 9 to 11 and our cash sale price will be.....**\$1.22**

250 yards of outing flannel—sold regularly at 8c a yard—Our cash sale price while they last.....**5c**

250 yards of toweling—sold regularly at 8c a yard—Our cash sale price while they last.....**4c**

All our 50c, 75c and \$1 shirts will go at 40c, 65c and 89c.

We have a full line of shoes at from 45c to \$3.00.

### A Few Words the People who Send Orders for Goods to the Catalogue Houses:

Come to our store and we will sell you goods for the same prices the catalogue houses quote, and you can save freight and see what you buy. We guarantee every piece of goods sold. Come and see. We will expect everybody to attend our great sale which commences on Saturday, Dec. 15th.

Remember the place and date--Sale commences Saturday, December 15th

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### THE CURSE OF INDIA

CASTE, WHICH FIXES THE STATUS OF EVERY HINDOO.

No Man Can Rise From the Class, However Unclean, In Which He Was Born—Neither Wealth Nor Success Affects the Caste of Any One.

In the fixed scale of descent in India some classes are merely inferior, while some are "unclean" or "untouchable," but from whatsoever class a man be born he has no escape but death. Children born in an "unclean" caste remain "unclean;" children born in an inferior caste remain as their fathers were. Nothing that they can do can in the slightest degree change their situation. They were born "unclean;" their ancestors were "unclean;" their descendants will be "unclean" till the end of the chapter.

To give a few illustrations from many, a weaver is less "unclean" than a carpenter, a carpenter is above a house cleaner, a house cleaner is above a street cleaner, and a street cleaner is above a pariah or no caste man. Every trade or occupation has its exact place, arbitrarily fixed, in the scale of degradation.

Above all the men that labor with their hands in whatsoever way are the tradesmen and shopkeepers, also with subdivisions into classes; above the tradesmen is the useless and now

almost idle warrior class; above the warriors is the Brahman or priestly class, and with these grand divisions the structure of the system is complete.

Wealth or material situation or success has nothing to do with the caste of any man. You may hire for your cook or valet a Brahman of the purest strain serene, who for weeks before you engaged him may have been on the verge of starvation. The meager beggar to whom you toss alms in the road may be of a very high caste. The well fed groom, resplendent in gorgeous livery, flashing by on a carriage that covers the beggar with dust, is very likely of a caste a mile below the beggar. Time no more than effort can break down these walls of division. One of the wealthiest and most distinguished families in Calcutta, the famous Tagore family, lost caste about two centuries ago. Members of this family have received honor from the government, have conferred great benefits upon city and country and have been noted for their numerous charities and benefactions. One exerted himself all his life to further native education. Another helped to endow Calcutta university. All are enormously rich, and all bear enviable reputations for goodness, honesty and philanthropy. But the wall of caste has never fallen for them. They are still hated and avoided by their countrymen exactly as they were at the beginning of their exclusion. In the

streets of Calcutta is many a ragged artisan that would not sit on the same bench with a Tagore or touch the end of his robe.

Pain, suffering, penury, even death itself, is nothing to the Hindoo compared with the loss of caste. Many a Hindoo that in the old days would fling nothing to the most fiendish tortures quickly surrendered his secrets when threatened with something that would contaminate him—a piece of cowskin, perhaps, or a glass of water that had been touched by a pariah. In I suppose, thousands of cases persons that have hopelessly lost their caste have abandoned their homes and wandered miserably along the roads until death overtook them. Thousands of others have thrown themselves into the Ganges or deliberately starved.

Three Brahman girls who had been degraded by a Mussulman went before a judge to demand vengeance and when the judge declined to interfere killed themselves in the courtroom.

At a town called Buj Buj a widow lost caste by falling in love with a man beneath her. As loss of caste by one member of the family degrades the others also, her eldest son immediately swallowed poison and died, and his remaining brethren fled the country.

A husband shares a wife's degradation. A wife goes down the steps with a husband. For more than 100 years a Brahman family of Santipur has

been outcaste because one member fell in love with the daughter of a shoe-maker.—Charles Edward Russell in Cosmopolitan Magazine.

### TIP FOR ENGLISH M. P.

Offered Money by Americans For Getting Him Into Strangers' Gallery.

The American who tried to "tip" a member of parliament is the subject of an amusing and true story told by E. B. Barnard, M. P., says a London dispatch to the New York American.

Mr. Barnard was asked by the manager of his hotel to get an American visitor into the strangers' gallery. This he was very pleased to do, but was somewhat astonished when the visitor, who did not know who his conductor was, offered him a sovereign. Mr. Barnard declined the tip, saying, "We are not allowed to receive gratuities," for he saw that the American had taken him for a minor official.

Learning afterward who his conductor was, the American carefully avoided him in the hotel, but on going away he left with the manager a package containing a gold and turquoise scarfpin for Mr. Barnard as an acknowledgment of his courtesy.

No home safe without Dr. Adler's Treatment. A bottle in the house keeps the whole family regular and prevents appendicitis. Johnson's Pharmacy.



# THE DAILY DISPATCH.

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1906.

## Weather

Forecast—Fair and warmer tonight—  
Wednesday fair except snow north por-  
tion, warmer.

## LOCAL NEWS NOTES.

Get your storm sash at D. M. Clark & Co's.

Deputy Game Warden Saunders came down from the north.

Sweet catwaba at Coates Liquor Co.

W. B. Sherman, of Bemidji, was in the city between trains today.

Fine port wine for sale by Coates Liquor Co.

Geo. W. Huss, of Big Falls, was in the city today transacting business.

Fine Holly for Christmas use at E. C. Bane's.

Books for boys and girls at H. P. Dunn & Co.

Mr. Mortin, the advance agent of Adelaide Thurston, was in the city today.

Fine peach brandy for sale by Coates Liquor Co.

Mrs. J. Wilson and Mrs. F. L. Isted, of Backus, were in the city today on business.

Invalid chairs for rent at D. M. Clark & Co.

Attorney A. B. Church, of Staples, was in the city today transacting legal business.

Fine Holly for Christmas use at E. C. Bane's.

The infant daughter of H. E. Smith, 403 South 13th street, died night before last and was buried yesterday.

Children's books and games at H. P. Dunn & Co.

Miss Mamie Jones, of Pine River, arrived today and accepted a position as compositor on THE DAILY DISPATCH.

25 misfit carpets for sale at D. M. Clark & Co.

Pine Tree Camp, B. A. Y., will give a dance in the town of Daggett Brook Christmas night. Everybody welcome.

Fine Holly for Christmas use at E. C. Bane's.

Arthur Witham returned today from Cross Lake, where he had been to do some work as boilermaker for the Northern Pine Co.

A great variety of Juvenile books and games at H. P. Dunn & Co.

The Ladies' Aid society of the People's church will meet on Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. J. M. Shulz. Everybody welcome.

Sachet powder and toilet waters at H. P. Dunn & Co.

Mr. Ohmert, the operator at the Bijou was at Little Falls yesterday and installed one of Miles Brothers moving picture machine in the Little Falls opera house.

New fall line rugs, carpets and wall paper at D. M. Clark & Co.

Owing to a death in the family or one of the participants in the second annual appearance of the Jack Pine minstrels which was to have been held at Pine River on December 21st, the show has been postponed to Friday evening, January 18, 1907.

The Methodist Episcopal Sunday school will make a new departure. The members of the Sunday school will give an entertainment Sunday evening suitable for the Christmastide, at which the pupils are requested to bring a gift or gifts suitable to be given to the poor children of the city.

Don't wait till that cough of yours settles on your lungs and may turn into pneumonia or consumption. Take Skaugs's Never Cough which clears the lungs, opens up the air passages and instantly relieves the cold in your head. A few doses will prove it. Fully guaranteed by Olaf Skaug, the Laurel street druggist.

Perfumes and atomizers at H. P. Dunn & Co.

Itch! Itch! Itch!—Scratch! Scratch! Scratch! The more you scratch the worse the itch. Try Doan's Ointment. It cures piles, eczema, any skin itching. All druggists sell it.

## APPLES

70 Cts Bushel  
\$2.00 Barrel

Globe Hotel Building.

Delivered anywhere in the city.

## A Western Wonder

There's a Hill at Bowie, Tex., that's twice as big as last year. This wonder is W. L. Hill, who from a weight of 90 pounds has grown to over 180. He says: "I suffered with a terrible cough, and doctors gave me up to die of Consumption. I was reduced to 90 pounds, when I began taking Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. Now, after taking 12 bottles, I've more than doubled in weight and am completely cured." Only sure Cough and Cold cure. Guaranteed by H. P. Dunn & Co., druggists. 50c and \$1. Trial bottle free.

Beautiful line of toilet and manicure sets at prices that are right at H. P. Dunn & Co.

Hunt's Perfect Baking Powder would be just as good without the name, but you wouldn't know you were buying the best—ask for Hunt's Perfect.

To feel strong, have good appetite and digestion, sleep soundly and enjoy life, Burdock Blood Bitters, the great system tonic and builder.

## MARKET QUOTATIONS.

### Minneapolis Wheat.

Minneapolis, Dec. 17.—Wheat—Dec., 73½c; May, 80c; July, 80½c. On track—No. 1 hard, 80½c; No. 1 Northern, 79½c; No. 2 Northern, 77½c; 77½c; No. 3 spring, 74½c to 75½c.

### St. Paul Union Stock Yards.

St. Paul, Dec. 17.—Cattle—Good to choice steers, \$5.50 to \$6.25; common to good, \$3.25 to \$4.00; good to choice cows and heifers, \$3.50 to \$4.50; veals, \$4.00 to \$5.50. Hogs—\$5.95 to \$6.05. Sheep—Wethers, \$4.50 to \$5.15; good to prime spring lambs, \$6.50 to \$7.25.

### Duluth Wheat and Flax.

Duluth, Dec. 17.—Wheat—To arrive and on track—No. 1 hard, 80½c; No. 1 Northern, 79½c; No. 2 Northern, 78½c; Dec., 78½c; May, 80½c; July, 81½c. Flax—To arrive, on track and in store, \$1.20½; Dec., \$1.20½; Jan., \$1.20½; May, \$1.23½.

### Chicago Grain and Provisions.

Chicago, Dec. 17.—Wheat—Dec., 73½c; May, 78½c. Corn—Dec., 41½c; May, 43½c. Oats—Dec., 34 to 34½c; May, 36 to 36½c. Pork—Jan., \$15.90; May, \$16.30. Butter—Creameries, 22 to 23c; dairies, 22 to 27c. Eggs—20 to 23c. Poultry—Turkeys, 12c; chickens, 8½c; springs, 8½c.

### Chicago Union Stock Yards.

Chicago, Dec. 17.—Cattle—Beefes, \$4.00 to \$7.15; cows and heifers, \$1.65 to \$5.20; stockers and feeders, \$2.40 to \$4.50; Texans, \$2.75 to \$4.60; Westerns, \$2.90 to \$5.75; calves, \$6.00 to \$8.50. Hogs—Mixed and butchers, \$6.00 to \$6.35; good heavy, \$6.20 to \$6.35; rough heavy, \$5.85 to \$6.05; light, \$5.90 to \$6.35; pigs, \$5.60 to \$6.20. Sheep, \$2.90 to \$5.75; lambs, \$4.75 to \$7.85.

## ENTIRE TRAIN BURNED.

Buffalo Local Wrecked and One Man Fatally Injured.

Rochester, N. Y., Dec. 18.—The New York Central train known as the "Buffalo Local," a fast train running between New York and Buffalo, was wrecked about a mile east of Palmyra in the afternoon. The engineer was fatally injured and the entire train was burned to the trucks.

A collision of freight trains threw a coal car over onto the passenger track.

The crew started to flag the "Buffalo Local," which was then due, but almost immediately the local came in sight with two engines, making up lost time. The heavy coal car threw both engines off the track and down an embankment. The baggage car was thrown partly off the rails, but none of the other cars left the tracks. All those in the passenger cars were badly shaken up but none was seriously injured. Engineer Harris of Rochester, who was in the first engine and who by sticking to his post probably saved many lives, was dug out from under the wreckage terribly injured.

The passenger train took fire and in a short time all the cars were destroyed. Several freight cars also caught fire and burned.

## THREE DEAD AND ONE DYING.

Gasoline Explosion Nearly Wipes Out an Iowa Family.

Ellsworth, Minn., Dec. 18.—Three members of J. C. Rudloff's family at the village of George, Ia., twelve miles south of here, are dead as a result of a gasoline explosion and the fourth member is dying.

Miss Louise Rudloff was cleaning a coat in gasoline in a room where her mother was baking bread, and flames caught from the hot stove and exploded a two-gallon can of the gasoline that had been placed on the floor near by.

Two younger children were in the room and the mother and older sister could have escaped with slight injuries had they not stopped to rescue the others.

Miss Louise Rudloff lived four hours in awful agony, her three-year-old sister lived several hours longer, and the other child died during the evening. The mother in is a precarious condition, and is not expected to live.

## Women Cabbies Now.

After all the woman cabman has won the day in Paris, says the London Globe. She is to have her license and to have full freedom to ply for hire. But it is incorrect to speak of her in the singular. There are two in the field, or as one should say, on the box, already, and it is strongly believed that before long there will be quite a class of women drivers. One of the two pioneers is the wife of a cabman and has bought her own cab. The other is a buxom young country woman who learned all about horses on her father's farm. There are not wanting those who predict a success for women cabmen.—London Globe.

## Pronunciation.

Here is a curious couple which illustrates in one sentence the various values of the combination "ough" and shows how strikingly inconsistent are the spelling and pronunciation of some English words. The lines may be supposed to be the words of an invalid who had a strong will and was determined to live in spite of his ailment:

Though the tough cough and hiccough ploughed me through,  
Yet o'er life's lough my course I will pursue.

## Hot and Cold.

Pete Persimmon—Yeas, Ah reckon Ah am fated to be a bachelor. Ah lubed a gal once, but she threw cold watah on mah suit. Henry Ham—Well, dat's bettah den gettin' mahhied en habin' yo' wife throw hot watah on yo' suit. Dat's what mine does ebry time I stay out after 10.—Chicago News.

The word "Jew," strictly speaking, means a member of the tribe of Judah.

Svenska punch can always be gotten at Coates Liquor Co.

## COURT TO ADJOURN

District Court Will Adjourn to January 2, 1907 When Case Now on Trial is Completed.

Owing to the illness of Judge McClenahan, who is barely able to be in court an adjournment will be taken at the conclusion of the case now on trial. All jurors not on this case have been excused until Wednesday, January 2, 1907, at which time the work of the court will be taken up again. Judge McClenahan has been in poor health for a couple of weeks and deems it wise not to try to continue the work longer this week. The case of Isaacson vs Carlson, which was on trial yesterday was taken from the jury by the judge at the close of the plaintiff's testimony and a verdict directed for the defendant.

The case on trial today is J. A. Thabes against Wm. Elmore and Fred Gilbert. This case is to recover for professional services for the wife of Elmore who is a daughter of Gilbert. Mr. Elmore disclaimed responsibility for his wife's bills while she was at St. Joseph's hospital undergoing treatment. The court dismissed the case as to Gilbert and it is now on trial as to Elmore.

There will be several civil cases to be tried before the criminal cases are taken up after the holidays.

California Brandy always kept in stock by Coates Liquor Co.

Cures baby's croup, Willie's daily cuts and bruises, mamma's sore throat, grandma's lameness—Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil—the great household remedy.

Handsome comb and brush sets for Xmas gifts at H. P. Dunn & Co.

## Leg Torn Off by a Bomb.

Radom, Russian Poland, Dec. 17.—A bomb was thrown at Colonel Plotta, commander of the gendarmierie of the government of Radom. His leg was torn off by the explosion. A student who threw the bomb was arrested.

## OPERATOR HELD TO BLAME.

G. D. Mattox Responsible for Wreck on Southern Railway.

Washington, Dec. 18.—The official investigation of the Southern railway into the rear-end collision which occurred at Lawvers, Va., on Thanksgiving day and in which President Spencer of the Southern railway and six others, including a number of prominent people, lost their lives, has been concluded and the responsibility for the wreck placed on G. D. Mattox, block operator at Rangoon Station, Va. General Counsel A. P. Thom of the railroad issued a statement announcing the official conclusions.

## The New Metal, Alzen.

Alzen is the name given to a new metal, which is composed of two parts of aluminum and one part of zinc, writes Consul General Guenther from Frankfurt. It is said to equal cast iron in strength, but is much more elastic. Alzen is superior because it does not rust as easily as does iron, and it takes a high polish, says the Jewelers' Circular Weekly. Besides being very strong, this new metal is capable of filling out the most delicate lines and figures of forms in casting.

## Woman Perishes in Fire.

Burlington, Vt., Dec. 17.—Mrs. Frank Conrad is believed to have been killed and property valued at about \$40,000 was destroyed in a fire which consumed the "American House" and badly damaged two adjoining blocks.

## Thirteen Figure Men.

How much is a trillion? Now that Harriman is said to control \$2,500,000,000 of property, we might as well, says the Providence Journal, be getting ready for the American trillionaires.

D. M. Clark & Co., only installment house in city, goods sold on easy terms

A package of perfume is a suitable gift for a lady, a beautiful line at H. P. Dunn & Co.

# Sweets—Candy—Sweets

In order that everybody in Brainerd may have a chance to indulge in eating their favorite sweets at Christmas time, we have erected a most beautiful Candy Booth, in the angle of our three stores, which can be reached from either of the two 7th or Front street entrances. A young lady has been assigned this booth to take care of your wants.

We have put nothing in this booth but candies of known quality. A dainty box of confectionery makes a most pleasing Christmas offering, and is especially acceptable if it contains confections of known quality.

Every box of candy from Cale's Store assures you without question of the GOODNESS, freshness and wholesomeness of our candies. In order to appreciate the true excellence of our confections you must try one box of Cale's Cream Chocolates, Cream mixed, Butter Cups and rich Bon Bons, Etc., the highest achievement of candy art, the realization of the ideal confections. Every morsel is a surprise, every delicate shade of flavor lies beneath a rich coat of dressing. If your taste craves the elaborate or more simple confection, bon bons or hard candy, we are willing that you may be judge. New dainty Christmas boxes may be had filled to suit your taste without extra cost.

To serve the people best, we will furnish schools and churches fancy mixed candies, in lots of 10 pounds or more, at 7c the pound; also other candies, fruits and nuts, at reduced prices.

Christmas is the world's Giving Day—be one of the world and give your friends a Christmas offering.

Yours for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

**L. J. CALE'S**  
Department Store.

You can afford to lay aside some of those old pictures you have had for years and decorate your homes with some of the beautiful new subjects and new style frames when you learn our prices at

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Hunting season is over, next thing is

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**Cut Glass**—There is nothing better than a piece of Cut Glass for a holiday present. We have the finest line in the city.

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**Silver Hollow Ware**—We have an up-to-date line of these goods, all in the noblest designs, just received.

**Fine Umbrellas**—Sterling Silver and gold filled handles of the new patterns. Every one wants one for Christmas.

**Hand Painted China**—We have a stock of these goods that cannot be equalled for beauty of design or elegance of finish.

**Watches**—We have the largest and best stock ever shown here. Solid and filled cases. Prices and Quality guaranteed.

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We vouch for the high quality of every pair of our shoes. Our trade-mark has behind it a reputation acquired by over a quarter century's persistent effort to make good shoes for men. One season's wear will prove their worth to any man. Prices, \$5.00, \$4.00, \$3.50.

Preston B. Keith Shoe Co. Makers, Brockton Mass  
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## BOUGHT OUT FRANK WALKER

Toger Peterson Purchased Meat  
Market at Corner Seventh  
And Laurel

HASTAKEN POSSESSION ALREADY  
Will Move From Maple Street  
And Consolidate Markets  
First of the Year

Toger Peterson yesterday closed a deal by which he gets the Walker meat market at the corner of Seventh and Laurel streets. Mr. Peterson will continue to run both markets until after the first of the year when he will move the stock from the Maple street market up to Laurel street and will in the future have that building remodeled into a dwelling which he will rent. He will put in a first class, up-to-date stock in the market in the Walker block and endeavor to make it one of the best places in the city in the way of a meat market.

Mr. Walker has not as yet announced his future intentions further than that he will devote his time to collecting his outstanding accounts. He has also a large amount of tamarack wood on his place west of town which he will put on the market in the near future.

### Long Tennessee Fight.

For twenty years W. L. Rawls, of Bells, Tenn., fought nasal catarrh. He writes: "The swelling and soreness inside my nose was fearful, till I began applying Bucklen's Arnica Salve to the sore surface; this caused the soreness and swelling to disappear, never to return." Best salve in existence. 25c at H. P. Dunn & Co's., druggists.

### TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

The Chicago and Northwestern rail way is to have a new \$20,000,000 depot in Chicago.

A general strike has been proclaimed in all the ports of Italy, and serious injury to commerce is beginning to result.

The Louisville and Nashville railroad has given notice that it has increased the wages of its shophmen about 4 per cent, effective Dec. 1.

Speaker Cannon is practically certain to visit St. Paul soon after the close of congress and deliver an address under the auspices of the Roosevelt club of that city.

Governor Albert B. Cummins says he will send a special message to the Iowa legislature in January recommending an appropriation for a suitable exhibit at the Jamestown exposition next year.

## Up-to-Date Hardware Store News

### Get Something Lasting and Useful

for your boy for Christmas. There is more education and pleasure in a Carpenters Tools than in almost anything else. A saw, hammer, hatchet, planes and sets of brace and bits, can be bought for a small amount and will be handy and useful about the house. Buy a few Keen Kutter tools of us. They are the best in quality and finish. We are sole agents for Brainerd.

**Slipp-Gruenhagen Co.**  
217-219 South 7th Street.

## MAYOR HANDS IN RESIGNATION

Hon. A. J. Halsted Tendered His  
Resignation to Take Effect  
At Once

RESIGNATION WAS ACCEPTED

Russell Baker Elected Superin-  
tendent of the Electric Light  
Department

The sensation of the meeting of the city council Monday evening was the resignation of Mayor Halsted, which came as a surprise to many members of that body as well as the spectators present.

Mr. Halsted in his communication resigning the office stated that as there was no pay in the office he could not afford to deprive himself of the right to do work for the city. His resignation which was unanimously accepted, read as follows:

To the President and members of the city council:

Gentlemen:—I hereby resign the office of mayor of the city of Brainerd, the resignation to take effect immediately.

It is with much regret that I do this, but after mature deliberation I am convinced that there is no alternative, and my determination is therefore final and must be considered as such.

I am fully satisfied that after a careful inquiry that City Attorney Polk is entirely correct in his opinion that it would be illegal to let a contract to me while I am a city officer; though in justice to myself I must add that years ago before I consented to become a candidate for mayor, I had legal advice that the charter provision did not include the mayor but applied only to aldermen.

This prohibition—which I quite agree with Mr. Polk is good, wholesome public policy—would not only prevent me from bidding on the official advertising of the city, but it would also bar me from doing any job printing, or in fact any kind of work for the city. While I am as patriotic and public spirited as most men, I am also a poor man and probably always will be, and I cannot afford to serve the people without salary and at the same time deliberately and knowingly place myself in a position by which I am unable to compete upon equal terms with my contemporaries in the struggle for regular business.

This is not to be expected and is of course entirely out of the question; while on the other hand I could not and would not consent, under these circumstances, to remain in office even should you be disposed to accept my bid notwithstanding this prohibition, as it would be manifestly improper as well as illegal.

Therefore there is no alternative but for me resign, and as my decision is unalterable and irrevocable, I would respectfully ask that my resignation be accepted at once, so that it may become a matter of record.

I wish in closing to disclaim any feeling of ill-will toward Mr. Polk or anyone else over this matter. He has simply done his duty as a fearless and impartial official, and is to be commended for so doing. Surely it is better to have this very important point brought up now and conclusively decided at the start than to go ahead blindly and perhaps have trouble in the future as might be the case.

Trusting that you will accept this as final and accept and file this resignation at once, I am,

With great respect,

A. J. HALSTED,  
Mayor.

The city council met Monday evening in adjourned meeting, having on Monday, December 3rd, adjourned to this date in order that Mayor Halsted might be present to cast the deciding vote in the matter of the election of a superintendent of the electric light department.

Mr. Halsted not being present, Alderman Farrar was appointed to notify him by phone of the necessity of his presence. Mr. Halsted soon appeared and stated that he wished to explain his position in the matter. As a matter of personal choice he would vote for Mr. Fred Olson, believing him to be a reliable and capable workman. Mr. Baker, however, had been recommended to him not only as a good electrician but as a man of good administrative ability. Therefore as a representative of the people of Brainerd he must vote for Mr. Baker, which he did.

The adjourned meeting of the city council then adjourned and the council was called to order in regular session, all members being present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The resignation of Mayor Halsted was read and on motion accepted, all members of the council voting aye.

A report of the committee on fire protection, setting forth fire escapes needed in hotels and other public buildings specified was presented. The city attorney stated that the law fully covered the matter in question and that if the building inspector would call on him he would go over the matter and if the parties, on notice, failed to comply with the law then they would be prosecuted.

City Attorney Polk made partial oral reports on several matters before the council.

The report of the electric light committee on the proposition of the Brainerd Hydro-Electric Power company was received and placed on file.

The liquor license bond of R. J. Holden, with the American Surety Co. as surety was accepted subject to the approval of the city attorney.

The resolution of the meeting of busi-

ness men of the Brainerd Hydro-Electric Power Co. was read and placed on file.

Alderman Farrar requested that the council take the matter up at once. Moved by Alderman Poovey and seconded by Mr. Zarkariassen that when the council adjourn it adjourn to Wednesday Dec. 26, and that the public be invited to attend this meeting, when the the power subject would be taken up.

The city attorney brought up the matter of the proposed ordinance increasing the bond of the city clerk from \$2,000 to \$5,000 and stated that a resolution only was needed and one was drawn and passed.

The bid for city printing was taken from the table and the bid of the Brainerd Tribune being the lowest was accepted.

The purchasing committee was instructed to purchase two sets of dies for the stone crusher.

Alderman Fogelstrom made extended remarks in regard to the Laurel street bridge, declaring that the estimate on repairing the Mahlum bridge were absurd and asked that the city appropriate \$1,000 to repair same.

The matter was on motion referred to the street committee.

The matter of electing a mayor to succeed Mayor Halsted was on motion laid over to the next regular meeting.

On motion meeting adjourned to Dec. 23.

An appropriate Xmas gift for a lady one of those hand bags at H. P. Dunn & Co. 163tf

Ground bone to make the hens lay at E. C. Bane's. 165tf

### FOR SUPREMACY OF THE PACIFIC.

Viscount Aoki Says America and Japan Will Not Fight.

New York, Dec. 18.—After reviewing the amicable relations long existing between the United States and Japan, Viscount Aoki, the Japanese ambassador, declared that his people were fully alive to the magnitude of Japan's obligation to this country, the memory of which would be a lasting monument of the cordial friendship that cements the two nations. Eastern Asia, he said, was large enough for the commerce of all nations and the dream of the pessimist who saw the phantom of a struggle between the United States and Japan for the supremacy of the Pacific was too ridiculous to be made the subject of serious thought.

Ambassador Aoki was the guest of honor at the dinner of the American Asiatic association at night.

In presenting the first toast, "The President," President James S. Morse of the association referred to President Roosevelt's praise in his message of the Japanese and to "the kindly service he has rendered to the promotion of good feeling between two great nations bound to each other by ties of mutual interest no less than of established friendship."

The toast to the emperor of Japan followed.

### NEW BRITISH AMBASSADOR.

James Bryce Will Succeed Sir Henry Mortimer Durand.

London, Dec. 18.—In spite of the fact that no official announcement yet has been made it was declared in the lobbies of the house of commons at night that James Bryce, chief secretary for Ireland, had accepted the post of British ambassador to Washington in succession to Sir Henry Mortimer Durand. No formal announcement is likely pending a rearrangement of the cabinet, but Mr. Bryce is now universally regarded as the next ambassador to the United States.

### BISHOP M'CABE DYING.

End Said to Be a Matter of Hours Only.

New York, Dec. 18.—Bishop Charles C. McCabe of the Methodist Episcopal church is dying at the New York hospital. He is unconscious and the end is said to be a matter of hours only.

Last Tuesday the bishop was stricken with apoplexy while passing through this city on the way to his home in Philadelphia and was removed to the hospital. He is seventy years old.

### Costly Fire at Valdez.

Valdez, Alaska, Dec. 18.—Fire in the Bank of Valdez, believed to have been started by a burglar, totally destroyed the bank, the Stella hotel and the Valdez Bank and Mercantile company's building, entailing a loss of \$53,000.

### King Oscar Improving.

Stockholm, Dec. 18.—King Oscar passed another good day. He had several hours' sleep and his improvement continues.

Children's books including John Daugh and the Cherub, Land of Oz, Foxy Grand Pa series, etc., at H. P. Dunn & Co. 163tf

Do not fail to see the line of new books at H. P. Dunn & Co. 156tf

Guns, ammunition and sporting goods See the new Remington automatic guns at D. M. Clark & Cos. 72t

### Motion Again Denied.

San Francisco, Dec. 18.—Another motion to strike from the files an indictment charging Mayor Eugene E. Schmitz and Abraham Ruef with extortion was made and denied in Judge Dunne's court. A similar motion was denied last week.

Sawed wood for sale at Haye's livery, pine, oak and tamarack. 166tf

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....J. W. KOOP....

### TREGLAWNEY FOR DEPUTY

Auditor-Elect Smart Selects H. D. Treglawney as his Assistant in that Office

J. F. Smart, county auditor elect announced today that he had selected Harry D. Treglawney as his deputy auditor. Mr. Treglawney has a host of friends in Brainerd who will be glad to learn that he is to remain in this city. His qualifications for the position are beyond question, his business experience rendering him especially well fitted to take up the work of the auditor's office.

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### AMUSEMENTS

#### A Noble Outcast

To judge from what one hears on the streets the theatre will be filled at the performance of "A Noble Outcast" Friday evening next.

A motion was made at the meeting of the city council Monday evening, to hold a special meeting of that body to consider the advisability of closing a contract with the Hydro-Electric company next Friday evening, and the point was raised by a member, that there would be an entertainment at the opera house on that evening, and the motion was withdrawn and the evening of Wednesday the 26th was fixed as the date for holding the special meeting. There has been nothing billed for the opera house for some time that has excited so much interest as the coming entertainment to be given by the Brainerd Amateur Dramatic Club, and it would be well for those who wish to secure good seats to get their tickets early. Remember that seats can be reserved after Thursday morning at Dunn's drug store, and tickets are on sale now.

Ground bone to make the hens lay at E. C. Bane's. 165tf



# BUSINESS MEN FAVOR CONTRACT

## Meeting of Business Men Held Monday Afternoon Favored Contract With

### HYDRO-ELECTRIC POWER CO.

#### Resolutions Passed Voicing the Sentiments of the Meeting In That Regard

The meeting of business men and citizens called to meet at the Commercial club rooms Monday afternoon to discuss the power proposition was attended by a goodly number of the leading business men of the city.

The meeting was called to order by Henry I. Cohen in the absence of Pres. R. R. Wise of the Commercial club, who issued the call for the meeting. Mr. Cohen was on motion made permanent chairman of the meeting and N. H. Ingersoll was chosen secretary. Mr. Cohen briefly stated the object of the meeting and the secretary read the proposition of the Brainerd Hydro-Electric Power Co. as presented to the city council. Mr. McKay was then called upon to give the meeting a brief explanation of the plans of the company and its reasons for desiring immediate action in the matter.

After Mr. McKay had explained the proposition in detail, showing the necessity of immediate action on the part of the city if the company was to deal with the Northern Pacific railroad company, and had set forth the fact that a contract was absolutely necessary with both the city and the railroad company in order that they might go ahead with the proposition, at once, Alderman Farrar, a member of the electric light committee of the city council, stated that he had been making some investigations into the matter of the expense of running the power house, and showed that with the city getting water power for \$10 per horse power it would be cheaper to accept the proposition of the Hydro-Electric company, which was for a minimum of 600,000 kilo watt hours at \$12,000 per year, all over that amount to be at the same price, namely: 2 cents per k. w. h. The city is selling the current to the consumers at 7 cents per k. w. h., subject to discounts which bring it to an average about 6 cents per k. w. h., leaving a good margin for cost of distribution and loss in distribution. Mr. Farrar further stated that for nearly three years the city had been vainly trying to get some kind of a deal with the owners of the dam in the matter of a renewal of the lease without success. Mayor O'Brien and others spoke along the same lines, one gentleman stating that the price of \$15 per horse power had been suggested to Mr. McNair some time ago and that he had said that it was very low, but he would submit it to the board of directors of the company. He had never made any answer to the proposition and today the city is just as far and perhaps a little farther from a proposition from the owners of the dam than it was two years ago. The city has 250 horse power free, in return for bonus paid 20 years ago, but that expires in April 1908. The other 250 horse power now costs the city \$8 per horse power.

Another fact was brought out by Mr. Crust. The power house will have to be moved and rebuilt if a new lease of water power is secured and that would cost, according to his estimate, \$25,000. The present electric light plant is overloaded and it would be necessary to add largely to the equipment of the power house if the city is to continue to manufacture its own current. It was brought out at the meeting that the electric current at this price would be the cheapest possible power for a city water plant when the city gets its own water works system. After the matter had been fully discussed a resolution endorsing the proposition was offered by M. J. Reilly and seconded by J. S. Gardner.

Mr. Ousdahl, who had previously shown that the city could clear from \$12,000 to \$15,000 on the current at present rates to consumers, suggested that the matter be referred to a committee to report at a meeting to be called later. Dr. Groves also objected to the proposition on general grounds. W. H. Cleary took a decided stand in favor of urging the city to accept the proposition at once as delay would almost certainly make the city lose this opportunity for cheap power. The resolution, which was as follows, was adopted by a practically unanimous vote, after several other gentlemen had spoken favorably on the matter:

Brainerd, Minn., 1906.  
To the Honorable Mayor and City Council of the City of Brainerd.

Gentlemen:—At a citizens meeting held this day the following resolution was adopted.

RESOLVED—That it is the sense of this meeting that the city council accept the proposition made by the Brainerd Hydro-Electric Power Co. for light and power, using all precaution to safely guard the interests of the city.

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### "EVERY ONE A CRIMINAL."

At Heart and Potentially, Says Law-  
yer, All People Are Bad.

The Society of Medical Jurisprudence held its annual meeting the other night in the Academy of Medicine at New York. The most of the evening was devoted to the reading and the discussion of a paper entitled "Criminal Responsibility," says the New York Tribune. The paper was read by Wilbur Larrimore, a lawyer. Mr. Larrimore said he didn't take much stock in the stated types of criminals as arranged by that "greatest of criminologists, Lombroso, of Italy."

"We are all of us at heart criminals," he said. "We are all potentially if not actually criminally inclined. We are kept in restraint through fear either of the penal code or of the code of morality of our immediate associates. Many of us who have a wholesome fear of the penal code do not possess the same fear of the standard of morality of the better sense of the community."

"The present is an excellent time to discuss this subject, when the weaknesses of men high in the financial and social world are being exposed. The insurance scandals certainly showed that many men high in the councils of our most respected financiers are guilty of moral turpitude. Although they cannot be reached by the criminal law, as it is said that they cannot, there has been an awakened sense in the community that will not permit for a long time to come similar crimes to go undiscovered or unexposed. It is really surprising as well as sickening to one who knows to realize how common the giving of bribes is in the business world and among persons high in the social calendar."

In describing the inadequacy of punishment as a means of reforming criminals or as being a deterrent to would be criminals he said that many a man had gone to the gallows with the same exaltation of heroic spirit that was felt by Hobson when he sank the Merimac at Santiago.

### BIBLE PREACHER'S RIVAL.

Stranger Converted in Minister's  
Buggy Is Baptized in Ice Stream.

A conversion to Christianity which rivals that of the Ethiopian eunuch through the efforts of Philip, the evangelist, in Bible times was recently made on a Greene county (Pa.) highway, says a Washington (Pa.) special dispatch to the Philadelphia Public Ledger.

The Rev. John C. McMinn of Waynesburg while driving to a funeral the other afternoon was accosted by a stranger, who asked to be permitted to ride. His request was granted. The wayfarer told the preacher that his life had been one of hardship and woe and stated that he was tired of living. He was urged by the preacher to accept Christianity as a solace for his trouble, and, moved by the preacher to repent, he accepted Christianity.

In his new found joy the convert expressed a desire to be immediately baptized, and Mr. McMinn, fearing to lose

his man, stopped his horse, broke the ice in a small stream beside the road and, with his convert, entered the chilly water, where the rite of baptism was administered.

Clergyman and convert then went to the home of Archibald Hickman, one of Mr. McMinn's parishioners, obtained dry clothing and held a short service. The preacher continued his way to the funeral, and the stranger, who refused to give his name, resumed his tramp.

### A Punch Set For the Louisiana.

A beautiful punch set is being made at Gardner for the battleship Louisiana, says the Boston Transcript. The set, which will represent an outlay of \$10,000, consists of a bowl with a capacity of sixteen gallons, a tray forty-five inches in diameter, a serving tray with two large cake and two fruit trays and fifty-eight goblets. All are of solid silver. The work on the set has been in progress for six months.

### A Miraculous Cure.

The following statement by H. M. Adams and wife, Henrietta, Pa., will interest parents and others. "A miraculous cure has taken place in our home. Our child had eczema 5 years and was pronounced incurable, when we read about Electric Bitters, and concluded to try it. Before the second bottle was taken we noticed a change for the better, and after taking 7 bottles he was completely cured." It's the up-to-date blood medicine and body building tonic. Guaranteed, 50c and \$1 at H. P. Dunn & Co's. drug store.

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SAYS PUBLISHERS NEVER DIE.

Humorist Argues Before House Committee For Extension of the Copyright Limit—Talks Seriously of Authors' Rights to Profits and Tells of Books That Live—Relates Story on Charity He Feels Toward All.

Samuel L. Clemens (Mark Twain) spent a busy afternoon at the capitol in Washington recently and for half an hour entertained the newspaper correspondents with a characteristic talk, says the New York Times. With William Dean Howells and a party of other authors and publishers Mr. Clemens went to Washington to be present at the hearings on the pending copyright bill, which are being conducted in the senate reading room at the Congressional library by the committee on patents of the senate and the house. The new copyright bill extends the authors' copyright for the term of his life and for fifty years thereafter. Mr. Clemens in discussing the bill said: "I have read this bill. At least I have read such portions as I could understand. Nobody but a practiced legislator can read the bill and thoroughly understand it, and I am not a practiced legislator. I am interested particularly and especially in the part of the bill which concerns my trade. I like that extension of copyright life to the author's life and fifty years afterward. I think that would satisfy any reasonable author, because it would take care of his children. Let the grandchildren take care of themselves. That would take care of my daughters, and after that I am not particular. I shall then have long been out of this struggle, independent of it, indifferent to it.

"I am aware that copyright must have a limit, because that is required by the constitution of the United States, which sets aside the earlier constitution, which we call the Decalogue. The Decalogue says you shall not take away from any man his profit. I don't like," he explained, "to use the harsh term. What the Decalogue says, 'Thou shalt not steal,' but I am trying to use more polite language. "The laws of England and America do take it away, do select but one class, the people who create the literature of the land. They always talk handsomely about the literature of the land, and then they turn around and do what they can to discourage it. I know we must have a limit, but forty-two years is too much of a limit. I am quite unable to guess why there should be a limit at all to the possession of the product of a man's labor. There is no limit to real estate."

The expiration of a copyright, Mr. Clemens explained, did not inure to the benefit of the public, but to the publisher, "who goes on publishing the book, and as many of his confederates as choose to go into the conspiracy do so, and they rear families in affluence. And they continue the enjoyment of those ill gotten gains generation after generation forever, for they never die. In a few weeks or months or years I shall be out of it, I hope under a monument. I hope I shall not be entirely forgotten, and I shall subscribe to the monument myself. But I shall not be caring what happens if there is fifty years left of my copyright. My copyright produces annually a good deal more than I can use, but my children can use it. I can get along. I know a lot of trades. But that goes to my daughters, who can't get along as well as I can, because I have carefully raised them as young ladies, who don't know anything and can't do anything. I hope congress will extend to them the charity which they have failed to get from me.

"Why, if a man who is not even mad, but only strenuous—strenuous about race suicide—should come to me and try to get me to use my large political and ecclesiastical influence to get a bill passed by this congress limiting families to twenty-two children by one mother I should try to calm him down. I should reason with him. I should say to him: 'Leave it alone. Leave it alone, and it will take care of itself. Only one couple a year in the United States can reach that limit. If they have reached that limit let them go right on. Let them have all the liberty they want. In restricting that family to twenty-two children you are merely conferring discomfort and unhappiness on one family per year in a nation of 88,000,000, which is not worth while."

"It is the very same with copyright. One author per year produces a book which can outlive the forty-two year limit; that's all. This nation can't produce two authors a year that can do it. The thing is demonstrably impossible. All that the limited copyright can do is to take the bread out of the mouths of the children of that one author per year.

"I made an estimate some years ago when I appeared before a committee of the house of lords that we had published in this country since the Declaration of Independence 220,000 books. They have all gone. They have all perished before they were ten years old. It is only one book in a thousand that can outlive the forty-two year limit. Therefore why put a limit at all? You might as well limit the family to twenty-two children.

"If you recall the Americans in the nineteenth century who wrote books that lived forty-two years you will

have to begin with Cooper. You can follow with Washington Irving, Harriet Beecher Stowe, Edgar Allan Poe, and there you have to wait a long time. You come to Emerson, and you have to stand still and look further. You find Howells and T. B. Aldrich, and then your numbers begin to run pretty thin, and you question if you can name twenty persons in the United States who in a whole century have written books that would live forty-two years.

"One hundred persons. That is the little, insignificant crowd whose bread and butter is to be taken away for what purpose, for what profit to anybody? You turn these few books into the hands of the pirate and of the legitimate publisher, too, and they get the profit that should have gone to the wife and children.

"When I appeared before that committee of the house of lords the chairman asked me what limit I would propose. I said, 'Perpetuity.' I could see some resentment in his manner, and he said the idea was illogical for the reason that it has long ago been decided that there can be no such thing as property in ideas. I said there was property in ideas before Queen Anne's time. They had perpetual copyright. He said: 'What is a book? A book is just built from base to roof on ideas, and there can be no property in it.'

"I said I wished he could mention any kind of property on this planet that had a pecuniary value which was not derived from an idea or ideas. He said real estate. I put a supposititious case—a dozen Englishmen who travel through South Africa and camp out, and eleven of them see nothing at all. They are mentally blind. But there is one in the party who knows what this harbor means and what the lay of the land means. To him it means that some day a railway will go through here, and there on that harbor a great city will spring up. That is his idea. And he has another idea, which is to go and trade his last bottle of Scotch whisky and his last horse blanket to the principal chief of that region and buy a piece of land the size of Pennsylvania. [Laughter.] That was the value of an idea that the day would come when the Cape to Cairo railway would be built.

"So if, as that gentleman said, a book does consist solely of ideas, that is the best argument in the world that it is property and should not be under any limitation at all. We don't ask for that. Fifty years from now we shall ask for it.

"I hope the bill will pass without any deleterious amendments. I do seem to be extraordinarily interested in a whole lot of arts and things that I have got nothing to do with. It is a part of my generous, liberal nature. I can't help it. I feel the same sort of charity to everybody that was manifested by a gentleman who arrived at home at 2 o'clock in the morning from the club and was feeling so perfectly satisfied with life, so happy and so comfortable, and there was his house weaving, weaving, weaving around. He watched his chance, and by and by when the steps got in his neighborhood he made a jump and climbed up and got on the portico.

"And the house went on weaving and weaving, but he watched the door, and when it came around his way he plunged through it. He got to the stairs, and when he went up on all fours the house was so unsteady that he could hardly make his way, but at last he got to the top and raised his foot and put it on the top step. But only the toe hitched on the step, and he rolled down and fetched up on the bottom step, with his arm around the newel post, and he said, 'God pity the poor sailors out at sea on a night like this.'"

## TOBACCO CHEWING COWS.

Connecticut Farmer Makes an Experiment in Housatonic Valley.

The cows in Connecticut near Kent are a progressive lot, according to a dispatch from Hartford, Conn., to the Columbus Dispatch. They have got to chewing tobacco.

"Goshang it," said Bill Parcells, "they'll be smokin' cigarettes next. There's too much education floatin' around. I'm off."

Old man Roberts, who has a tobacco plantation near South Spectacle lake, introduced the chewing habit among the cows. After he had cut his tobacco he turned his Jerseys into the field to see if they would eat the stalks. For years the farmers had been afraid to do it, but Roberts said he'd take the chance, as it was a shame to let such big green stalks go to waste.

Roberts' cows ate all the stalks and mowed for more. Their milk was not affected either in color or taste. The good news spread, and now everybody's cows in the Housatonic valley are chewing the real cud.

## Clothes Locked Out.

The newest hotel on Broadway, New York, boasts a new feature which the sophisticated guests regard with suspicion, writes the New York correspondent of the Pittsburgh Dispatch. In every room there is a small closet with two doors. One opens into the room and the other on the hall. To this outside door the valet possesses the key. The inside door is locked by the guest after he has put his clothes into the little closet in order to have them pressed and cleaned before the next morning. "I know the house is responsible for the clothes if they are lost," said one guest who had refused to avail himself of the new convenience, "but it makes a man very uncomfortable to feel that he has locked his clothes out and that another has a key to them. Then the fellow with only one suit would have to wait a long time before the proprietor sent out to buy him another."

## REFORM IN POLITICS.

Changes Suggested to Benefit the Whole Nation.

ABOLISHMENT OF THE PRIMARIES.

Andrew McKinley Favors Making Nominations For Public Office by Petition—Under Present System, He Claims, We Are and Always Will Be Boss Ridden.

Political reform in its many aspects is of more interest to the people as a whole than any other feature of life. From the time of our forefathers until today it has been utmost in the minds of the people, and, considering our heterogeneous population, with their freedom of thought and action, we have kept ourselves pretty well in hand. Patriotism and common sense have prevailed. Nevertheless there has been and is a lack of a well defined policy.

Maybe if some vital points could be brought strongly before the people and their just relations established we could make our country a better place to live in and secure more happiness.

To accomplish these ends no fear or prejudice should be allowed to govern us, but we should bend every energy to the promotion of our own welfare and to the welfare of those to come. Changes, though they may seem radical, should be made when they have been properly understood and digested. These changes should be made irrespective of party. In fact, they should be the foundation of a platform of all parties.

This article will not attempt to go into the proposed changes in a very thorough manner, but will only give the broadest outlines, as it is well that the people should think for themselves and if they believe the suggestion safe and wise compel the necessary changes by their action at the polls. Small clubs might be formed, selecting a name of some local significance coupled with the word reform, such as the "Locust Valley Reform club," the object being to bring about the needed reform of the neighborhood and have as a basis certain national, state and municipal issues. The following suggestions might be a basis to be enlarged upon.

First.—All nominations for public office should be made by petition and the primaries abolished, because under the present existing system of primaries we are and always will be boss ridden, whereas with a nomination by petition the boss is eliminated, and better men will be elected to office.

Second.—Patronage should be divorced from office. All public offices not elective should be under the civil service rule and held during competency and good behavior. Men holding public office should not be allowed to appoint any one except their own secretary and necessary clerks.

Third.—With few exceptions, no salary should be paid public officers and no contracts let under their direction or supervision. All public work should be let to the lowest bidder, provided the other conditions were equal, and all bids should be opened and awarded by disinterested citizens, selected much as our jury is drawn today. Public office should be a post of honor, not a thing of profit. The term of office should be much longer. As it is today men in office hardly become acquainted with their work before their successors are elected. This and the everlasting holding of elections disturbs business, is a great source of expense to the taxpayer and gives the public the minimum amount of services of those in office.

Fourth.—Legislative activity should be limited. Multiplicity of law tends to confuse and allows the guilty to escape. Instead of the legislators meeting every year, they should convene once in every five or seven years. In the meantime all proposed laws should be submitted to a committee, and those thought worthy should be enacted into law or defeated by the people's representatives.

Fifth.—The three great heads of departments, executive, judicial and administrative, should be kept entirely separate and distinct. Judges should be nominated by the lawyers of both parties within their respective districts or circuits and elected for life during good behavior. Their affiliation with a party should rather defeat than elect them.

Sixth.—Many of our laws should be codified or federalized, such as those concerning marriage and divorce, laws governing corporations and all criminal laws. The feeling of state rights no longer exists. We greet a man from Missouri with the same cordiality as we do one from Massachusetts, and we should be governed by the same laws as far as possible. If corporations were under national control many of the abuses of today would be done away with. The amount of capital stock should be limited to the actual value of assets, and publicity would make many wrongs that exist today impossible. All banks and trust companies should be national and under the supervision and control of a government bank, to be known as the bank of the United States, to which all banks and trust companies should pay a small part of their earnings, in consideration of which they should be protected in time of peril. No failures in institutions that handle the people's money should be possible.

Seventh.—All criminals who have proved themselves to be of a brutal nature or belonging to the so called criminal insane class, both male and female, should be isolated, put upon islands set apart for that purpose and detained there during life. This would do away with capital punishment and in time reduce the criminal class by preventing these unfortunate people from having children. They should be self supporting or nearly so, making all their own clothing and raising vegetables, etc., that they need. Crime should be treated scientifically and not in the haphazard way of today.

Eighth.—Immigration should be encouraged—not in numbers, but in procuring the best. We should be represented at the other end as well as Ellis Island.

Ninth.—Enfranchisement should be made worth while and not given to every one for the asking. While it should be possible for every one native or foreign, to enjoy this great privilege, they should be made to equip themselves properly so as to enjoy it to the greatest benefit of themselves and their fellow countrymen.

The last suggestion to be made in this article concerns the so called trust or merger of business interests, which may have some good points, but they should be regulated with a firm hand, especially those having to do with the necessities of life.

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#### PLEADS GUILTY TO MURDER.

**Man Who Killed Japanese Banker Admits Committing Crime.**

San Francisco, Dec. 18.—Louis Dabner, the self-confessed gasphee murderer, pleaded guilty before Superior Judge Carroll Cook to the murder of M. Unakata, manager of the Japanese bank. His plea was made not only against the advice of his attorneys, whose services he coldly dispensed with, but against the offer of Judge Cook to procure him other counsel or to protect his rights in case of appeal. The motive assigned for Dabner's action by James L. Tarfe, by whom he was represented, was that he is possessed of a vain hope of turning state's evidence against his partner in crime, John Siemsen, and thus receive a penalty less severe than hanging. However, the prisoner made his plea with the full knowledge of the meaning of his step. Even Dabner's father who influenced the confession of the crimes as given to the detectives, was not taken into his son's confidence regarding his act.

#### BEHEADED BY A TRAIN.

**Fifteen-Year-Old Boy Killed at Merriam Park, Minn.**

St. Paul, Dec. 18.—The headless body of Gerald MacDonald, fifteen years old, 443 Beacon avenue, was found by Station Agent Fitzgerald lying close to the St. Paul tracks, near the Merriam Park station on Prior avenue. The boy had attempted to catch a ride on the passenger train

which leaves the Merriam Park station for Minneapolis.

Young MacDonald and Emil Berglund jumped the train as it was pulling out of the station. MacDonald managed to board a car ahead of his friend, and turned around to see if his companion had got aboard when the train swept over the Prior avenue bridge. MacDonald was brushed from the steps, falling beneath the coaches. No one knew of the accident until the station agent found the headless body. The boy's head has not been found.

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#### Landslide in the Pyrenees.

Toulouse, France, Dec. 18.—A landslide has buried a number of houses in the little hamlet of Curzous in the Nautics Pyrenees. Eleven persons are entombed and there is little hope of saving their lives.

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## Another Girl In the Case

By OTHO B. SENG

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The fireman jerked open his flannel shirt a button lower and glared resentfully at the two well dressed young men who were examining with amused interest the small drivers and cylinders of his engine.

"Not a Pegasus, evidently," remarked one.

"No, nor yet a Hebe," laughed the other.

"If you two mutts are kicking against old 18 you'd better cut it out," interposed the fireman angrily.

"We meant no disrespect," answered the older of the two courteously. "Our attention was attracted because we'd never seen one like it before."

"The old girl is no beauty," continued the fireman, softening somewhat, "but she jumped from here to Boston at a mile a minute clip one day last month."

"That's a mighty good record. We felt there must be something remarkable about her," returned one appeasingly.

"If you've got a story, and I'm sure you have, come down and give it to us," urged the other, smiling winningly.

"She was a warm baby in her day," began the mollified fireman, "but she's shed her cow knockers, and for a good many years she's been doing nothing better than poking box cars and flats around here in the yard. But she got her dander up that day and yanked us over the rails in great shape."

"Something special, I suppose," encouraged the elder man, passing his cigar case.

"Something special! Well, I should say," emphasized the fireman, "we was the special—three of us—and old 18."

He rounded his lips and allowed the cigar smoke to escape in a long, vaporous cylinder.

"It was Sunday afternoon," reminiscently, "and about 3 o'clock when a young fellow jumped off the trolley up there," indicating the street where the trolley cars ran to Andover, "and came slamming down into the station as red in the face as if he had buttoned a nest



"DASHED DOWN THE LINE AS IF SHE'D BEEN ON HER TRIAL TRIP."

of horraets in with his vest. He bumped into old Buster—that's the station agent—and howled for a special.

"Buster told him he wa'n't running specials as a side line, and there wa'n't nothing about the yard anyway but old 18, and an old shifter like that was hardly the thing for a special.

"Well, the young fellow talked all kinds of languages and showed all kinds of money. He wanted to go to New Haven. He'd got a telegram, but it didn't reach him until after 2 o'clock, and he'd got to be in Boston in time to catch the 4 p. m. Shore line express from the South station. There was no connections anyway from here, and the special he must have. It seems he was a student at the Phillips academy in Andover, and a rattling good fellow he was too."

The fireman, artful story teller, paused to whet the interest of his listeners and puffed his cigar enjoyably.

"I'll bet there's a girl at the other end of the line!" cried the man who was looking for stories.

"Or a fortune," hazarded the other.

The fireman grinned at both impartially.

"The young fellow's name was Hart, and he had a mighty convincing tongue in him, and the way he slung his arguments at old Buster showed he knew the way to a man's inside heart. He roped in Engineer Dan Duffy, too, and Dan said old 18 would do the trick if he could have the road."

"Old Buster kept the key tapping, and Conductor Tom Collins picked out the 'short end' for the train. Then Buster got the word back from Boston: 'All right. Give you the road.' And in just twenty-three minutes from the time young Hart had blew in with his roll and his convincing eloquence Duffy threw the throttle wide open, and the old hooker dashed down the line as if she'd been on her trial trip. I jammed her with pine knots soaked in kerosene, and Duffy never took his eyes off the rails.

"Old 18 soon showed her mettle, and

no big engine passed us that Duffy didn't get a hand from the cab. Hart was game. We couldn't go too fast for him, and at easy stretches we must have struck a mile a minute. It was just 2:45 to a dot when we plunged into the long train house at the north station, old 18 snorting and humping like she understood she was a special.

"All the way from Reading to Boston in just fifteen minutes and thirty seconds, and we reckon the run at just about thirteen miles. I could almost see old 18 winking her weather eye at some of them big six wheelers, and the kind of a you've-did-well-Sissy air that they seemed to have as they looked down at her was enough to make a man laugh—a man who can see them things, you know."

The fireman paused and anxiously regarded his dead cigar.

"Young Hart made his train, of course?"

"Oh, yes; he had plenty of time. He jumped over to the other station on the 'L,' and we let old 18 cool off a little, and then she hitched back to Reading. But I've kinder noticed a new plitch to her whistle ever since, and I reckon the old girl knows she done a big thing that day."

"Light up again," urged the seeker after stories, handing the cigar case.

"That isn't all?" suggestively.

"No. About two weeks after that young Hart run over from Andover one day and give one of these ere things to old Buster, one to Tom Collins, one to Dan Duffy and one to me, and mine," triumphantly, "is as big a Jim Dandy as the others. They're all just alike."

He took a small velvet case from his pocket, handling it gingerly with his grimy fingers.

One of his companions took it and pressed the spring, disclosing a small scarf-pin—a knot of gold with a tiny diamond point.

"That ere little stone's a real diamond," said the fireman proudly. "No ground glass about that. I wear it when I dress up and go some places."

"It's all right—a fine thing," admired his new friends.

"Well, goodbye—them's good cigars—see you again some time, maybe," dropping the velvet case into his pocket and turning toward his cab.

"Hold on," cried the story gatherer, catching him by the arm, "that isn't all! What about the girl in New Haven?"

The fireman grinned tantalizing; then his face sobered.

"I'm afraid you two gents is going to be disappointed. There ain't no girl in this story—only the woman that every man owes his best to. A man may have half a dozen sweethearts if he's lucky, but he never can have but one mother," raising his greasy cap reverently. "Hart's mother was dying, they thought, that day when old 18 humped herself over the rails with the boy, but she got well, and it was her that sent us the pins. So long, gents. Put the story in the paper if you like. It's worth prating, dead sure!"

#### The Poor Child's Advantages.

"My most serious problem is how I can give my children the advantage of the poor man's," McClure's Magazine quotes a rich man as saying and makes this comment: The modern system of education employed by the rich and well to do and secured often at infinite self sacrifice even by those of very moderate means obscures rather than brings into light the realities. No material provision, however ample and intelligent, can alone make for verity. No amount of "opportunities" or "advantages," however unusual, are sufficient to awaken the soul. Indeed in the very multiplying of material advantages the spirit of the child is more often than not smothered and distorted. Too many masters, too many toys, too many tasks. The poor little head and heart have neither strength nor time for brooding and dreaming in the forest and field, as young Schurz had. He has no long evenings for sitting around a family table or before a fire reading and talking, no spur to find things to do and to find things to think about. The attention continually distracted, the imagination burdened, the sense of pleasure overfed, what time, what strength, is there for the child of the very rich, brought up in the usual way, to develop?

#### Mathematical Love.

"Do you love me as much as I love you?"

The Barnard college girl smiled. "Do you wish me to prove it?" she said.

For answer he bent forward, expecting to receive the usual blinding of the promise.

"I mean mathematically," she continued, drawing her face back. "Now, don't be cross. Listen! We belong to a certain circle. We are the radii of that circle. Two radii of a circle are equal to a third radius of the same circle."

He wasn't good at mathematics, but he conceded the point.

"Things which are equal to the same thing are equal to one another. Well, supposing that you and I are equal to X, an unknown quantity."

He was perfectly willing to suppose anything.

"X is our love for each other. We are equal to X. Things which are equal to the same thing are equal to one another. Therefore I must love you in the same ratio that you love me!"

He didn't wait for any more mathematics. The "X" became X'tasy!—New York Press.

#### An Insinuation.

"I have no earthly use for swift young men," said the spinster who was beginning to carry weight for age. "No, I suppose not," rejoined the pretty widow. "They are awfully hard to catch."—Pick-Me-Up.

## RUNS VESSEL ASHORE

CAPTAIN OF THE PRINZESSIN VICTORIA LUISE PILES HIS SHIP ON THE ROCKS.

## SUICIDES AFTER ACCIDENT

LOCKS HIMSELF IN HIS CABIN AND THEN SENDS A BULLET THROUGH HIS BRAIN.

Kingston, Jamaica, Dec. 18.—The Hamburg-American line tourist steamer Prinzessin Victoria Luise went ashore at night off Port Royal while on her way back to New York from this port.

The passengers were landed safely here.

Captain Bruhnswig, who was in charge of the Victoria Luise when she struck, committed suicide by blowing out his brains.

The German cruiser Bremen has gone to the assistance of the stranded steamer and the French training ship Duguay Trouin is prepared to leave port with the same object in view.

The Victoria Luise is pounding heavily and the seas are breaking over her, but hopes are still entertained that she will be saved. She is resting on a rocky ledge.

According to the latest reports from the scene of the wreck the Bremen was trying to pull the stranded vessel off. The body of Captain Bruhnswig is still on board the steamer.

In accounting for the stranding of the steamer it is explained that she was without a pilot and the captain was in charge. He followed a wrong course and piled her upon the rocks just under the lighthouse. Two hours later the captain locked himself in his cabin and blew out his brains. The officers of the ship and the German consul here made ineffectual efforts to hush up the news of the tragedy.

When the Victoria Luise ran on the rocks the sea was calm, the present heavy weather coming up later. The passengers were thrown into a state of panic and great confusion prevailed until it was learned that there was no immediate danger.

#### GOTCH DEFEATS BEELL.

Iowa Man Wins From Wisconsin Wrestler in Straight Falls.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 18.—Frank Gotch of Iowa defeated Fred Beell of Wisconsin in a catch-as-catch-can wrestling match at convention hall in this city, winning two straight falls. Gotch won the first fall in 19 minutes and 48 seconds and the second fall in 38 minutes. Eight thousand people saw the contest.

#### Colonel Piotta Dies of His Injuries.

Radom, Russian Poland, Dec. 18.—Colonel Piotta, commander of the gendarmes of the government of Radom, died as a result of injuries sustained Sunday when a student of the technical school threw the bomb at him.

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7:45	.....Fankley	6:25	
7:50	.....Hout	6:20	
8:00	.....Bridg	6:15	
8:10	.....Northome	6:10	
8:24	.....Mizpah	5:55	
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